WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. - 13. (canceled)

14. (previously presented) A valve arrangement comprising at least one check valve, the check valve comprising a closing element configured to close at least one bore, wherein the closing element is comprised of a strip formed to a ring, wherein the valve arrangement comprises a valve member having an annular channel and at least one bore opening into the annular channel, wherein the strip of the at least one check valve is arranged in the annular channel, wherein the strip has an initial position in which initial position the strip is floatingly arranged in the annular channel.

15. (previously presented) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the annular channel is arranged in a valve sleeve of the valve member.

16. (previously presented) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the annular channel has a width greater than a width of the strip.

17. (previously presented) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the annular channel is arranged in an inner wall of the valve sleeve.

18. (previously presented) The valve arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the annular channel is arranged in an outer wall of the valve sleeve, wherein the valve member comprises an auxiliary sleeve surrounding the valve sleeve and closing the annular channel radially outwardly.

19. (currently amended) A valve arrangement comprising at least one check valve, the check valve comprising a closing element configured to close at least one bore, wherein the closing element is comprised of a strip formed to a ring, wherein the valve arrangement comprises a valve member having an annular channel and at least one bore opening into the annular channel, wherein the strip of the at least one check valve is arranged in the annular channel, wherein the annular channel is arranged in an outer wall of a valve sleeve of the valve member, wherein the valve member comprises an auxiliary sleeve surrounding the valve sleeve and closing the annular channel radially outwardly, wherein the strip rests with elastic pretension against the auxiliary sleeve ~~(8)~~.

20.-21. (canceled)

22. (previously presented) The valve arrangement according to claim 19,

wherein the strip is secured against rotation relative to the annular channel.

23. (original) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip is comprised of spring steel.

24. (original) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has a substantially rectangular contour.

25. (original) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has ends spaced apart from one another in a mounted position of the strip.

26. (original) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has ends overlapping one another in a mounted position of the strip.

27. (original) The valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has at least one end which is bent radially inwardly.

28. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has a diameter which is elastically widenable or reducible.

29. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has at least one closure.

30. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 29, wherein the at least one closure is separated from the strip by a gap.

31. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 30, wherein the at least one closure comprises a closing part and a spring stay connecting the closing part to material of the strip.

32. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 31, wherein the spring stay is partially separated from the strip by the gap.

33. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 31, wherein the closing part and the spring stay are arranged symmetrically relative to a longitudinal center plane of the strip.

34. (currently amended) The ~~check~~ valve arrangement according to claim 14, wherein the strip has longitudinal sides and wherein at least one of the longitudinal sides has at least one projection.